PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1915.

McNICHOL'S LAND IN RELATION TO THE "JOKER" TRANSIT PLAN

NAME OF OWNER AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

COTTRIORY, 1915, BY THE PUBLIC LEDGER COMPART.

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TODAY'S BASKETBALL RESULTS Southern High School 9 Northeast High School 18 Southern High School, 2d..... 8 Northeast High School, 2d Camden High School..... 21 Germantown High School 14 Philadelphia Trade, 2d..... 12 Temple College Prep..... Strayer's Business College.....

TORPEDO SINKS BRITISH VESSEL CLOSE TO COAST

Oakby Torpedoed Off Folkstone - Ship Sunk Near Eastbourne Believed Submarine's Prey.

German Claim of Torpedoing of British Transport Off Beachy Head Denied in London - Collier Branksome Chine Believed Lost.

LONDON, Feb. 24. An unidentified vessel of about 2000 tons sank seven miles from shore off the pler at Eastbourne, this afternoon, acording to a dispatch here from the Eastcourne Gazette. Eastbourne is a watering place just south of Dover in the English Channel.

It is believed the ship was torpedoed by a German submarine.

DOVER, Eng., Feb. 24. The British steamship Oakby, of West Hartlepool, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the English Channel off Folkestone today, All the members of the crew were landed. The Oakby was not far from the Folkestone pler when she was attacked, indicating that the German submarine attacks are becoming bolder. The Oakby was destroyed in the lane used by British transports crossing the channel from Folke-

The Oakby was a vessel of 3000 tons and carried a crew of between 20 and 20

Some members of the crew of the Oakley were landed at Ramsgate by fishing macks which went to their rescue when the boat was blown up. They stated that no one aboard was injured by the explesion, which occurred without warning. except the captain, one of whose fingers

A dispatch from Stockholm says: "The Swedish steamer Specia has been sunk by a mine in the North Sea. A marine bulletin posted here today announces her loss. The Specia sailed from Liverpool on February 4 with a crew of 25 and a cargo of 2600 tons.

BERLIN, Feb. 24. The English transport No. 192 has been sunk by a German submarine off Beachy Head, in the English Channel, it was officially announced here today. The Ad-

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THE WEATHER



There is really no use of arguing about It, this midsummer canter of the thermometer to going a little too far. We can interate, and do every winter, a lapse of two from the regular order of things that furnishes us a gentle reminder of half days off on Saturday and sunburned shoulders. But a protracted hot spell like these last few days and the fact that the sine thing obtained a week or so ago, is ver annoying. Even at that, though, one shallow or a flock of them doesn't make s summer. The baseball season has not started yet and you must not wear a straw hat till the first of May. And don't forget another thing. This blizzard stuff of a year ago!

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Rain tonight followed by cooler in the sarly morning; Thursday partly wleudy and caoler; fresh southerly winds shifting to westerly. For details, see page 2.

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Lamps to Be Lighted

KAISER'S GUNS CHECK RUSSIANS' ONSLAUGHT

Slav Repulses at Grodno and Skierniewice Reported by Berlin-Petrograd, Too, Asserts North Poland Gains.

ground and captured 1200 prisoners, according to today's Berlin official statethe Niemen, and Skierniewice, southwest of Warsaw, are announced. Ber-lin admits Slav passage of the Bobr River at two points, but claims the enemy was driven back with heavy

German pressure in the East Prussia-North Poland front, from Plonsk to Ossewitz, is being successfully met by resolute resistance, Petrograd chronicles, adding that ground gained at Jedwabo has been kept. Admission is made of German offensives at Przasnysz and Lomza.

Russia's foothold in Hungary, where the Slav wedge penetrated through Dukla Pass, is steadily maintained, Petrograd asserts, and heavy but indecisive battle is reported at other

Vienna announces capture of many

German asaults along the North Sea coast have succeeded in driving the Allies from several positions and fighting is now taking place west of Lombaertzyde. Drives against the trenches held by the British near Ypres are also being made.

trenches, while two other lines were blown up. German attacks failed to dislodge the French from their posi-

Berlin reports repulse of French attacks in the Champagne region near Perthes and capture of 500 prisoners in

TURKS CROSSED SUEZ CANAL,

Hour Battle.

During their recent attack upon the Suez Canal Turkish troops succeeded in ever, and retired to the east bank after ment on the Suez Canal operations was secured at the War Office today:

"The passage was made in flat-bottomed boats near Serapeum. After they had advanced a few hundred yards they en-countered a furious fire from artillery, small arms and machine guns. We put a patrol force to flight. Then we saw in front of us trains full of soldiers. Finally front of us trains full or solders. Finally we had six battalions against us. Seven or eight cruisers in Lake Timsah began firing at us, many of their shells falling in front of hie British lines. Three thousand British retired toward Tusun, while

DEADLOCK RUMORED IN U. S. NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY

American Colonies at Berlin and Mu-

LONDON, Feb. 34.—A Berlin dispatch, published here this afternoon, said: "United States Ambassador Gerard had a long interview with the German Chan-celler this morning with reference to the exchange of notes. It is believed the ne-gotiations have reached a deadlock.

"A grave incident involving a rupture between Berlin and Washington may happen at any minute. Everything de-pends upon the diacretion of German submarine commanders. The American colo-nies in Berlin, Munich and Dresden are

Secretary of State Bryan, in Washington, said this afternoon he had no information concerning Berlin reports that there is grave danger of rupture between the German and American Governments. The Secretary refused to admit the dispatch of any communication to Berlin and London bearing on the foodstuff and war one situation.

Legs Fractured by Motortruck

William Bolmer, of Me Wood street, was cun down today by a motortruck at 18th and Walnut streets. His legs were fractured and he also suffered severe internal plaries. He was taken to Habsamann

campaign, the Germans have gained ment. Repulse of Slav attacks at such widely separated points as Grodno, on

Carpathian points.

prisoners in mountain battles.

The French troops in the Champagne region have driven the enemy at the bayonet point from three lines of tions near St. Mihiel.

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"It is understood that Ambassador Gerard handed the American reply to the German Chancellor at this morning's interview. The Chancellor had several audiences with the Kalser yeaterday consultant the American necotiations."

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ON PRZASNYSZ FRONT

At Przasnysz, in the North Poland

1270 €

Efforts of the Germans to force the Bon Homme pass, in the Vosges, during a snowstorm, also failed. At several points along the line, and especially in the centre, artillery duels are

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BUT WERE DRIVEN BACK

British Troops and Gunboats Win 16-

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 24. crossing the waterway. They found their way opposed by 3000 British troops, howa 16-hour battle. The following state-

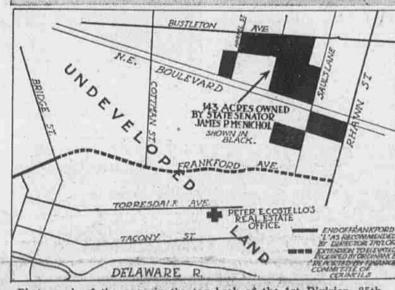
Both sides are adhering to their former

cerning the American negotiations.

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Photograph of the page in the tax book of the 1st Division, 35th Ward, on file in the offices of the Board of Revision of Taxes, giving camera evidence that State Senator James P. McNichol is the owner of 143.288 acres of farmland situated in the territory that would be reached by the elevated railway line advocated by the "joker" Connelly-Seger-Costello transit plan. The property is situated on Saul's lane, east of Bustleton avenue and south of Rhawn street. Records for the year of 1915 show that the property is improved by a 2½-story stone house and barn, all of which is assessed at \$114,600. Senator McNichol pays farm taxes on this property. Real estate experts said today that Senator McNichol's property would increase fabulously in value if the "joker" ordinance is put through Councils. Below the description of Senator McNichol's property there is an entry on the same page, which shows that the Philadelphia Land Company owns 94.1 acres east of Bustleton pike, which is a short Company owns 94.1 acres east of Bustleton pike, which is a short distance from the Senator's land. The Philadelphia Land Company's property is assessed for 1915 at \$75,280. The map below shows the relation of the Senator's property to the transit line proposed by the "joker" plan. The dotted line indicates how the elevated would extend from Bridge street to Rhawn street, passing, strangely enough, very close both to McNichol's land and Councilman Costello's real estate office. The property owned by McNichol was purchased on June 21, 1910, from the Philadelphia Land Company, many of whose stockholders are politicians, by James Franklin, a former Sergeant-at-Arms of Select Council. On the same day that Franklin bought the land he transferred it to McNichol.

SUNDAY, IN A PRAYER, REBUKES CRITICS AS "THE DEVIL'S BUNCH"

Liberals' Congress Here Comes in for Ridicule During Sermon-Indorses Compulsory Education.

The critics of "Billy" Sunday came in for a severe rebuke from the evangelist this afternoon during his serman and aft-

erwards in his prayer.

The most severe thrust was given in his prayer, when he said: "Dear Lord, I can see some people sit ting down here sneering and showing that they don't believe what I've been saying. Those who don't haven't as much sense as the davil. He believes them. It is al-most eight weeks that we've been standing up here and sweating and enduring the slander of a lot of people. Some people have written against me and called me all kinds of names. Well, let them keep it up. Lord; we're glad to see the devil push his bunch to the front.

"Some of them are in the churches, and some wear garbs designating them as ministers, too, Lord. But, it's all right. Let them come, so we can see how many followers the devil has and

right. Let them come, so we can see how many followers the devil has and who they are."

In reply to some utterances made in the Liberal Religious Congress, now in session here. "Billy" laughed, and said during his sermon:

"I hear they have a Liberal Congress on here in Philadelphia, and that some fellow said what a difference between that rabble at the tabernacle and our quiet meeting. Yes, and some difference in the crowds, too. ... ust as much as that between a battle and a funeral procession; the difference between a schoolroom and a graveyard. Hallelujah!"

The B man and women who 'hit the trail" this afternoon were advised by the Rev. Dr. William R. Turner, sector of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Overbrook, who offered the closing prayer.

Sunday preached a new serrion, one he had prepared for the Philadelphia campaign, on "The Inner Wall."

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CAPTAIN OF MARINES COMMITS SUICIDE IN RACQUET CLUB ROOM

Captain Arthur E. Harding, Former Aid to President Taft, Ends Life With Revolver-Tragedy Due to Illness.

Captain Arthur E. Harding, of the United States Marine Corps, a hero of the Boxer uprising, shot himself through the head shortly after 3 o'clock this morning in his bedroom at the Racquet Club, after telling his physician he was feeling well. He was found dead a few minutes later by a valet.

Captain Harding was marine aid to William H. Taft while he was President, and he is the second of the Taft aids to meet a violent death. Mayor Archie Butt, with whom Captain Harding was associated when Butt was aid to Taft, went down on the Titunic.

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The police of he lish and Locust streets station dealed any knowledge of the suicide, which is believed to have been caused by illness. Later the police admitted the shooting, but declined to give details. The body has been claimed by officers of the Marine Corps.

Captain Harding arrived at the Racquet Club February 18. He became ill last night, and sent for Dr. Walter A. Wood, of Zii South 18th strest. The physician diagnosed his trouble as neryous lidigestion and gave him some medicine. The captain then went to bed.

At 81% o'clock this morning. Captain Harding rang for a valet and Frederick Wagshaft responded. The captain asked him to get the small. While Wagshaft was on the way to the first floor a belibicy was sent up with two letters for Captain Harding, one from his wife, Mrs. Marte Harding of Washington, the other from Ansterdam.

The Letter from Mrs. Harding informed the Captain that his intended to core to this city today, and asked him to wire her record as a bureau in the record.

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WALCH DOLLARS

Curley Hopes Finally to Land Negro Fighter at Juarez-Report of Ship Chartered for Trip-Havana's Bid.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 24.-Jack Curley this afternoon announced the postponement of the Johnson-Willard fight until the last of March or the first of April, depending on the time Johnson arrives in Curley received the following dispatch

from his agent in Havana today: "I have chartered a boat in your inter-

is the only one who thinks so. Curley admitted that it would now be impossible for Johnson to reach Juares before March 6 when the fight was origi nally scheduled to be held. The promoter declared, however, that he would not consider Johnson's proposition to transfe the fight to Havana and had so advised

ne Negro.
Willard suspended training today and will do no more work for a week or until new arrangements are made for the fight.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—A local fight promoter telegraphed today to Jess Willard asking him to come here to fight Jack Johnson for the heavyweight champion-ship. If he accepts the fight will take place at the Oriental Park race track.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 .- If Jack John son goes into General Carranza's Mexi-can sphere of influence he will be arrested and turned over to the United States authorities. This was stated officially at the constitutionalist agency here today.

This information was the first notifica

tion of another change of front on Car-ranza's part. Originally it was understood he intended to arrest Johnson if the latter

tion of another change of front on Carrana's part. Originally it was understood he intended to arrest Johnson if the latter visited his part of Mexico. Later, it was stated, he had received requests from El Paso business men asking that the pugillist be permitted to fight Jess Willard at Juares and intended to comply with them.

It appeared today, however, that he believed he had more to gain by doing what he considered would be a favor to the American Government than by pleasing any group of individuals at El Paso. Johnson was said to have been advised at Havana of Carrana's decision and it was not regarded as at all likely that he would give the Constitutionalist chieftain a chance to agreet her considered with the can be gathered in the United States. We might say that the plan was evolved by a competent commission of experts.

"None of the recommendations made"

chance to arrest him. Even should he succeed in getting clan-iestinely through Carranza's territory, as tering the United States, it was pointed and wherein they should be changed, out that the hardships and perils he "We are now at the origin would have to endure would be changed." would have to endure would hardly leave him in condition to meet Willard.

When Wagshaft returned he found the Geor to Captain Narding's most opened or date of the aerial operations in which the captain was bring across the bed, hair dothes. There was a bullet limb through the first officers are believed to have been less. It may be housewer, that this amountment means the construction of the Retail dispatch from Amstardam.

'ON TO COUNCILS,' TRANSIT ARMY'S CRY AS IT FORMS MARCH TO TOWN MEETING

dorses Plan of Taylor, Who Makes Eloquent Speech.

Mayor's Cabinet Says 7000 Circulars Will Be Spread Broadcast Through City Demanding Councilmen's Answer to Seven Questions.

Commerce Chamber In- Rain Fails to Damp Ardor of Citizens

> son's Opinion Declaring Connelly "Joker" Ordinance Defective and Illegal, Workers Are Confident of Winning.

MONEY SPENT BY BIG CITIES FOR RAPID TRANSIT

invested by the municipalities themselves to develop their cities, to give relief and comfort in transportation facilities to their inhabitants, to increase their returns from taxation by reason of the increased value rapid transit gives property, and to keep pace with progress.

The municipal investments: New York \$218,000,000 Chicago 96,000,000
(Expenditure recommended by Harbor and Subway Commission. Work soon to start.) Boston

John P. Connelly escaped hearing the Chamber of Commerce Indorse emphatically the real rapid transit plans of Transit dient of failing to attend a meeting to which he had TRANSIT

demnation of the Connelly-Costello-Seger trick ordinance.

Almost coins at with this action announcement we made at a meeting of the Mayor's Cabinet in City Hall that 7000 circulars bearing the seven pertinent queries to Councilmen about transit would be sent broadcast throughout the city to business men's organizations.

The business men, who will benefit by the fruition of the Taylor plans, and who say that the onnelly ordinance is a "fake," will put these questions squarely up to their Councilmen.

The action of the Chamber of Commerce, while expected at a manual file.

The action of the Chamber of Commerce, while expected of an one of the
really big developments of the day in
the transit situation. News of the resolution spread through the city rapidly
and friends of the Taylor plans were
openly elated. They saw in this another
strong influence lined up irrevocably
against the "fake" transit ordinance
framed deliberately to thwart the will
of the people.

est. Trying to sail Thursday, but it will
be Friday at the very latest. Sit tight and
announce this as a certainty."

Jack Curley says that the fight will be
pulled off in Juarez on March 17, but he that he would lead a fight to loan at the polls, as it would be useless if passed in its present form.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

The resolution adopted by the board of

follows: "Resolved, that the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce places itself on record as favoring a plan for the construction of rapid transit lines, such a plan to include

tions of the city into closer proximity than at present; and be it further "Resolved, That the Chamber of Com merce opposes the ordinance recommend-ed to Councils by its Finance Committee, and we urge that Councils promptly adopt the ordinance calling a special election to authorize an increase in the city's indebt-

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CONVERTED CRUISER LOST.

Clan McNaughton, With 279 Men,

Believed Sunk in Storm. LONDON, Feb. 34.-The British Admir alty this evening virtually admitted that the converted cruiser Clan McNaughton was lost in the storms that recently the converted cruiser Clan McNaughton was lost in the storms that recently swept the British coast. An official statement estimated the casualles at 279.

A statement at the Admiralty offices this afternoon said that the vessel had not been heard from since Pebruary 3 and that it was "presumed" she had foundered. A few hours later a supplementary statement was issued in which the Admiralty admitted that hope for the state of the Clan McNaughton had been safety of the Clan McNaughton had been

Naughton, Jeffreys has had a lang capes. In the British navy, its was made a com-mander on December 3, 1998.

Aroused by Councilmanic Trickery. Encouraged by John G. John-

Here is given the amount invested by the four leading American cities in high-speed transit lines, subways and elevated roads.

These sums do not include private capital, but only that money

Director A. Merritt Taylor today by the simple expe-

been invited.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, meeting in the Bourse Building, went on record in favor of the original Taylor plans. They adopted unanimously a resolution that was a strongly implied condemnation of the Connelly-Costello-Seger track ordinance.

directors of the Chamber of Commerce rapid transit lines, such a plan to include a subway under Broad street, connecting North and South Philadelphia, with a delivery loop in the centre of the city; a subway beneath the Parkway, and an elevated railway serving the northwestern section as soon as the loop is available; an elevated line to Frankford and Darby, so connected as to bring these sections of the section is a service of the section of t

"None of the recommendations made should be changed unless some one can

BRITISH ADMIRALTY FEARS

abandoned.

Wreckage believed to be part of the missing vessel has been found.

The Clan MacNaughton was a British steamship of \$355 tons. She arrived in London from India on November 1 and was then taken over by the Government and armed for cruising payeess. Commander Jeffreys was detached from service on the cruises Grafton at that time and pisced in command of the Clas MacNaughton, Jeffreys has hed a long career.

36,000,000 Philadelphia Not one cent

> Throngs in all sections of this city shouted this transit battle cry early this evening as they mobilized in every ward, ready to march to the Academy of Music, TRANSIT where tonight, in town meeting assembled, the citizens PLAN of Philadelphia will unite in

> > an indignant protest against

the illegal and fatally defective Connelly-Seger-Costello transit ordinance. Thousands of aroused citizens, prepared to fight as they did against the infamous gas steal in 1995, began to flock to the Academy early. They came from every section and corner of North, South and West Philadelphia, from Manayunk and Roxborough, and from Peter E. Costello's own district, the Northeast.

They were led by the strongest and brayest of this untrammeled citizenship, ready to sound an overwhelming warning

ready to sound an overwhelming warning to the obstructionists in Councils' Finance Committee. The rain and the wind did not damp their ardor. They started out under umbrellas, in raincoats and wear-rabbers and the more homely galosher. galoshes.

RAIN PREVENTS PARADES

No previously pla nned demonstrations

and no parades were held. The men

Continued on Page Two J. W. KING'S BODY FOUND IN POTOMAC

Lawyer Disappeared January 9, Since Which Time Vain Search Has Been Made.

A body identified as that of James W. King, a widely known lawyer and attorney for the Pennsylvania Commission on the Panama-Pacific Exposition, who disappeared mysteriously while on a visit to Washington early in January, was found this afternoon floating in the Potomac River. The body was identified by Thomas King, a brother of the dead man, and Congressman J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia. On January 3, the day of his disappear-

ance, he went to Washington with his law partner, Robert Brannan, of 900 North 42d atreet, who has since made a North 42d street, who has since made a country-wide search for Mr. King. The trip to Washington was taken in the hope that Mr. King might be benefited. After attending the theatre with Mr. Brannan, Mr. King went to his room. A few minutes afterward Mr. Brannan followed him to the room, but the room was empty.

Since his disappearance on January 2 three men asserted they had seen him in this city, and this information was given to Detective Captain Cameron by William

this city, and this information was given to Detective Captain Cameron by William Findiay Brown, an Assistant District Attorney, and Mr. Brannan.

According to their report, the three men who saw the missing attorney were Charles Goldamith, of 1519 Susquehama avenus; Dr. Leuis F. Love, of 1308 Locust atreet, and Dr. Henry Lovett, of Langhorne. All of these men said recently they had seen Mr. King several times during January after he had disappeared from Washington. Doctor Lovett said that he had seen the attorney in frost of the Land Title Building, but that the attorney hurried by him without apeaking. Mr. Goldamith at one time told Mr. Brannan that he had seen Mr. King on either January 16 or 15, and that the attorney had seemed normal and that the attorney had seemed normal and cheerful.

Mr. King was unmarried. Before he was admitted to the bar, he was a widely known newspaper man and in turn was city editor and managing editor of the Philadelphia Press. According to his friends and business associates in this city, he has been suffering with nervous prostration brought on by apprehension over investments.

He was V cears old and lived with his brother and abster at 100 Fine street. Over investments.

He was W years old and lived with his brother and sister at 100 Plus street. He was widely known as a License Court

Rube Millett, the well-known copperantly, to thinking about going into burnars for himself. Do you need a treasurer, Kubuf

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